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1. ENRIQUE GONZALEZ COLUMBARI, DIRECTOR OF COSTA RICAN EXPORT AND INVESTMENT PROMOTION CENTER (CENPRO), TOLD EMBOFFS MARCH 30 THAT NAMUCAR VESSEL SLATED TO SERVE HOUSTON AND NEW ORLEANS (REFTEL) WOULD BE ON COSTA RICA, JAMAICA, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO CIRCUIT ONLY, AND WOULD NOT SERVE ANY OTHER NAMUCAR MEMBER COUNTRY. GONZALEZ SAID THAT RATIONALE IS TO PLUG U.S. PORTS INTO ROUTE

OF NAMUCAR MEMBER COUNTRIES WHICH DO NOT PROVIDE SERVICE TO U.S. THROUGH THEIR OWN FLAG VESSELS, AND THAT COSTA RICA, JAMAICA, AND TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO ARE THE ONLY THREE SUCH NAMUCAR COUNTRIES OTHER THAN CUBA. GONZALEZ STATED FURTHER THAT NAMUCAR'S OBJECTIVE IS TO ESTABLISH EARLY ON THE PRECEDENT OF NAMUCAR SERVICE TO U.S. PORTS IN ANTICIPATION OF FUTURE U.S.-CUBAN TRADE IN WHICH NAMUCAR EXPECTS TO PARTICIPATE.

2. GONZALEZ ALSO NOTED THAT NAMUCAR WAS WELL AWARE OF U.S. LEGISLATION AND REGULATIONS COVERING TRADE AND SHIPPING INVOLVING CUBA. THIS IS THE REASON, HE SAID, THAT CARE HAD BEEN TAKEN TO CREATE THE TRINIDAD-TOBAGO, JAMAICA, COSTA RICA, U.S. CIRCUIT. KILDAY

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